

MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Rule 421 (1)

EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

The Board has established procedures for parents/guardians who wish to have their child considered for early admission to kindergarten. To be considered for early admission to kindergarten, the child must turn five years of age on or before December 1 of the year admission is sought.

The procedure for processing requests for early admission shall be as follows:

1. The parent/guardian must apply in writing to the Superintendent for consideration of early admission, prior to January 15 of the school year preceding proposed entrance to kindergarten. Only those children who have moved into the Monona Grove School District after March 1 shall be granted an extension of the January 15 deadline. The Superintendent shall forward the parent's/guardian's letter requesting early admission to the Building Principal who shall initiate the screening process.
2. The child shall be scheduled to participate in the screening at the Early Learning Fair (ELF).
3. The screening committee shall determine the need for additional testing to determine appropriateness of early admission to kindergarten. If additional testing is recommended, a designee from the education team shall contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss that need, secure permission for the additional testing and confirm when testing will occur. Following additional testing, a meeting shall be held with the parent(s)/guardian(s), the building principal and appropriate staff to discuss the results of the additional testing and to make a recommendation regarding early admission.

If additional testing is not deemed to be necessary, a meeting shall be held with the building principal and other appropriate school staff and the parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss screening results.

4. A favorable recommendation for early admission shall be made only if the child is superior in the full range of abilities and needs, relative to same-aged peers. This includes social, emotional, physical and cognitive maturity.
5. The building principal shall provide a written response to the parent(s)/guardian(s) regarding the recommendation.
6. Parents/guardians who do not agree with the recommendation may appeal the decision to the Superintendent.

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